

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court
Pro Bono Recognition Program Certification for Calendar Year 2014

Name of law firm, solo, law student or other submitting organization: _____

Contact Person (for law firms or other organizations): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

This Certification is being submitted by, or on behalf of, a (please check one):

☐ Solo Practitioner

☐ Non-Profit Organization

☐ Law Firm (____ lawyers in firm)

☐ Law School

☐ In-House Corporate Counsel Office

☐ Law Student (law school attending and year of graduation: _____)

☐ Government Attorneys Office

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING WITH RESPECT TO PRO BONO PARTICIPATION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2014:

Please check at least one below:

☐ That the pro bono legal services hours per attorney, defined as the total number of pro bono hours provided by the Massachusetts Attorneys* divided by the number of Massachusetts Attorneys (full-time equivalents), is at least fifty (50)

or

☐ That more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Massachusetts Attorneys have provided at least twenty-five (25) pro bono hours

or

☐ (For current law students only) That, as a student in good standing at a Massachusetts law school, I have performed at least fifty (50) hours of pro bono legal services as described in the program criteria

AND (except current law students)

Please check the one that applies:

☐ (For law firms and solo practitioners) That for purposes of attorney retention and promotion, time devoted to approved pro bono legal services is treated the same as time devoted to billable time or its equivalent. If billable hours are not strictly or solely used as a criteria for retention and promotion (e.g., contingency fee work or salaried positions), pro bono legal services hours are treated the same as time that is recognized for purposes of retention and promotion; and that for purposes of attorney compensation, time devoted to approved pro bono legal services up to at least fifty hours (50) per year is treated the same as time devoted to billable legal work or its equivalent. If billable hours are not strictly or solely used to measure compensation (e.g., contingency fee work or salaried positions), pro bono legal services are treated the same as time that is determinative of compensation.

☐ (For other organizations) An attorney may devote up to at least fifty (50) hours per year to pro bono services without any negative impact on the attorney's compensation, retention or promotion opportunities

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name and Title (printed): _____

Please return completed Certification to: Carol R. Lev, at carol.lev@sjc.state.ma.us or by mail to Carol R. Lev, Coordinator of Program and Policy Development, Supreme Judicial Court, One Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 or by facsimile to 617-723-3577

*Please see the full program description for the definition of "Massachusetts Attorney" for purposes of this certification.